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RAJYA SABHA

Milk-net Project

428. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a Rs. 8 crore Milk-net-an Information Technology-based project has been planned by the National Dairy Development Board which would be executed by the Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd., aiming to bring transparency in the collection, transportation and processing of milk and ensure timely payments to producers while maintaining quality at all levels; and

(b) if so, whether a study of the same is proposed to be made with a view to its adoptability in selected places initially?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) No, Sir. NDDB has not planned any such project.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Gross capital formation in Agriculture Sector

429. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage share of gross capital formation (investment) to GDP, in Agriculture Sector (excluding allied sector) during the last ten years and how it compares with the percentage of GDP invested in other sectors as capital inputs;

(b) the total number of persons dependent on agriculture and the percentage it constitutes of the rural population and total population of the country;

(c) the number of work force employed in agriculture sector and other allied sectors, and percentage thereof;

(d) whether the above scenario shows a gross neglect of agriculture sector; and

(e) if so, the corrective steps taken to re-energize the agriculture sector?